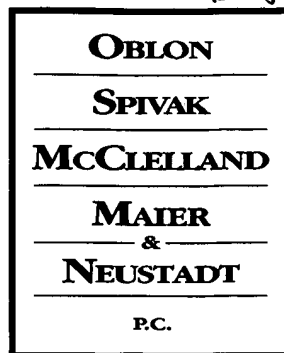




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**Response to Restriction Requirement**

Our check in the amount of **\$0.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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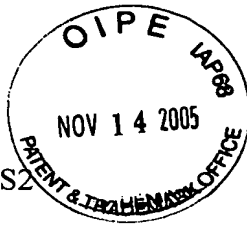
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In response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Official Action dated October 19, 2005, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group (Invention) I, Claims 1-18, drawn to an electrophotographic apparatus, classified in Class 399, Subclass 159.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-18 be conducted.

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